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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM: [REDACTED]
Acting Chief, FBIS/Okinawa Bureau

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - February 1985

I. GENERAL

Bureau Chief [REDACTED] departed Okinawa 13 February on early PCS so [REDACTED] could attend a Sloan School of Management course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from late February to May. [REDACTED] had a one-day TDY at the Tokyo Embassy and in FBIS Headquarters en route. A large farewell reception to say goodbye to key U.S. military and consular officers as well as Japanese contacts was hosted by the [REDACTED] on 7 February at the Skoshi KOOM Club. FBIS personnel said sayonara at a 10 February cocktail party hosted by the deputy bureau chief and his wife, as well as at dinners hosted by the bureau Chinese staff.

The 25 January to 5 February Philippines radio reception survey at Clark Air Force Base and Baguio by staff Regional Cruiser [REDACTED] demonstrated convincingly that Clark offers the best emergency medium-wave reception of sites surveyed by FBIS thus far, for at least the Metro Manila area and some northern/central regionals. A planned followup professional-equipment reception survey from Ishigaki Island in the southern Ryukyus was scratched on 25 February at Headquarters' request.

The deputy chief completed a Russian monitor recruiting TDY to Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne, Australia, on 6 February, during which 23 of 25 possible candidates were tested and interviewed for expected bureau vacancies later this year. The first short list retains ten candidates. Applicants for this trip were of great variety--from ex-Soviet Army tank corp lieutenant, former Soviet Navy electronics officers and graduates of Soviet universities and art institutes to professional musicians and English teachers. It was evident that many of the new applicants were Jewish emigres allowed to leave the USSR during the high-immigration years in the late 70's and early 80's.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. A now rare direct monitoring and processing of Vladivostok radio on 6 February enabled the bureau Russian team to text a 34-minute version of an RSFSR Supreme Soviet election speech by KGB Chairman Chebrikov. The team also took part in the USSR leadership "death watch" stimulated by repeated press agency reports that General Secretary Chernenko was gravely ill.

2. NHK television reporting on the controversial return to Seoul of opposition leader Kim Tae-chung, and treatment of him and accompanying Americans by ROK security personnel at the airport, led to Seoul Bureau requesting direct delivery of the OW videotape. To ensure safe delivery, the tape was sent through the diplomatic pouch on 14 February.

3. Beijing Radio's international beams to Australia and New Zealand were given special coverage at AG request because of the U.S.-New Zealand-Australia rift over the issue of nuclear-equipped U.S. Navy ships visiting New Zealand ports. This beam, normally only checked periodically to confirm repeat patterns, did produce a few topical reports not carried on other PRC sources. The coverage will extend to mid-March.]

B. Coverage

Okinawa coverage of Moscow TV via ROSET was shifted completely to the Orbita-1 in early February, giving the bureau a nominal 8-hour time advantage over London/BBC for Moscow's First program. The ending of Quezon City satellite TV transmissions on 31 January, for failure to pay Palapa transponder costs, makes this possible.

C. Cruising

1. The extension of China's satellite TV transmissions on the experimental 125E STW-1 was confirmed by cruising observations in late February. PRC television transmissions now fade in as early as 0935 GMT, instead of 1100 as in the past, with new programs consisting mainly of educational material thus far, although a second, late newscast at about 1355 GMT was confirmed in late February and early March. The availability of only one ROSET dish continues to hinder schedule confirmations, particularly during local peak evening hours. hint

2. A complete update of Okinawa satellite listings, done with a new Lotus 1-2-3 application program devised by cruiser Stiglicz, was forwarded to MOD on 25 February. The Lotus program replicates the MOD-controlled format in Headquarters and permits easier file maintenance at the bureau.

3. ROSET cruising established that Indonesia's aging 77E Palapa A-2 now has only one active transponder signal carrying telephone, commercial radio-teletype and TDM signals--including Philippines traffic still allowed despite the ending of TV transmissions.

4. MOD staff cruiser-trainee [] arrived on 16 February to begin a three month training program under []

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D. Lateral Services

1. The first of two packages of all bureau-filed publishable items on Japan was pouched to U.S. Embassy Tokyo political officer John Reagan, per an arrangement by outbound Chief [] during his 14 February TDY. Reagan wished to review the complete file to help decide on a possible expansion of Embassy wirefiling receipts, and will advise the bureau when the last sample through 8 March has been studied.

2. A second set of Japanese-language recordings of news-type material was airmailed to the BBC for one of its "official consumers" following a second request. The first was met in December.

3. A wire request from the 500th MI Group at Camp Zama for a Moscow videotape showing Sakhalin offshore oil prospecting ships had to be turned down because the tape already had been requested by Headquarters consumers. The 500th was referred to FBIS/LRB.

III. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS

1. The bureau's new computer application of Lotus 1-2-3 for the budget spreadsheet and FSR passed its operational tests satisfactorily in late February, and was pouched to D/FBIS with a recommendation for a Special Achievement Award to its developer, after evaluation by Ops Group and SDS. FBIS B&F was pouched copies of the new computer SOC worksheets. Debugging and further testing continued on another Lotus program application that calculates and prints the TCN payroll, and it will be pouched shortly for Headquarters' information and possible application.

2. Contracting authority was requested on 20 February for replacement of all poles on two of the seven bureau rhombic antennas. Seven local bidders submitted project bids for the opening on 19 February, the lowest bid equating to about \$19,250. A large portion of the poles themselves arrived by Flying Tiger lines cargo 747 on 20 February, and were delivered to the bureau's storage area across the road in a major logistical operation during the night of 20-21 February. Photos and interesting tag samples are provided in a Logs attachment for Headquarters only.

3. An extensive project to divide/isolate water supply pipelines serving FBIS duplex houses was begun; the separation will permit repairs and service to one side of duplexes without affecting the other, through separate shutoff valves. New fuel pumps were installed at Bolo Point Operations and Kadena Motor Pool areas.

IV. VISITORS

To the bureau:

[] Chief, FBIS Administrative Staff, [] 24-27 February, for bureau orientation, discussions, and by-appointment consultations with staff and non-staff employees requesting them.

SDS senior development engineer [] and contracts specialist [] 28 February to 3 March, for bureau orientation and discussions of field bureau modernization plans and facilities.

From the bureau:

Bureau chief and acting chief-designate, 8 through 12 February, for courtesy farewell and introductory calls on U.S. Consul General Edward Featherstone, 313th Air Division commander Brig. General Donald Snyder, Kadena AFB Commander Colonel Michael Lazorchak, and Captain Daniel Currie, commander of the U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Hanza.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

STAT The FBIS Chinese community hosted a major Chinese New Year/Spring Festival dinner on 16 February, attended by most non-working employees and families and featuring a wide variety of home-cooked Chinese dishes, community and solo singing by Chinese and American guests as well as Beijing Opera selections sung by [redacted]

STAT Russian monitor [redacted] has become famous on Okinawa for his Australian Rugby skills, being featured in word and photograph in the Pacific Stars and Stripes as the game-winning scorer for the Kadena Falcons Varsity Rugby team, which this winter is now in undisputed first place and rated a strong contender for the Okinawa Rugby championship. A Community attachment illustrates.

STAT [redacted] was Mistress of Ceremonies at the Okinawa 28 February "Miss Black Heritage" pageant and beauty contest held at the Keystone Theater.

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Acting Chief
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Attachments:

Logs: Photos/metal tags
Community: Rugby action

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OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 964,880
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 370,680
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 2,769

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	19,930 min.	39,860 min.	174.02 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	310
Beijing International Service to North America in English	380
Beijing International Service in Australia & New Zealand English	370
Beijing International Service in Japanese	420
Beijing to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	720
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	1,350
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	5,510
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	7,850
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	28,040
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,990
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,850
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	10,020
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,590
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	7,690
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	5,730

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		299,480	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		126,490	
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			3,970
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			5,910
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			610
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			3,730
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			13,210
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			---
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	160		
(Clandestine) Voice of the PLA to China in Mandarin	470		
(Clandestine) Radio Spark to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio October Storm to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Contingent of Proletarian Fighters to China in Mandarin	---		
JAPAN			
Naha NHK Television Service in Japanese	320		
Tokyo TBS Television Service in Japanese	2,170		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	2,020		
Tokyo JPS in English		3,130	
Tokyo KYODO in English		117,750	
Tokyo JIJI in English		10,880	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,330
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			18,970
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			6,230
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			13,200

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,520
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			20,210
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			820
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			20,470
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			23,050
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,070
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			1,740
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			2,040
KOREA (NORTH) Pyongyang KCNA in English			---
MONGOLIA Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		8,120	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		4,170	
PHILIPPINES Quezon City RPN Television Network in English	130		
TAIWAN Taipei International Service in English	1,950		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	2,320		
Taipei CNA in English		16,510	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			5,450
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			580
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			210
Taipei LIEN HO YUEH KAN in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	4,590		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	6,430		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	2,640		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	---		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	17,770		
Vladivostok Domestic Service in Russian	5,130		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	3,760		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	14,450		
Hanoi VNA in English		73,900	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	